Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 29 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 30 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 28 Mar 2023 at 16:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather to continue into the weekend. High for a brighter day on Thursday.

Headline for Wednesday 29 Mar 2023: Cloudy and windy with showers, turning more frequent in the afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 29 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Mist	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	30%	70%	60%	60%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 29 Mar 2023

Weather: A lot of cloud through the day shrouding summits across Lochaber and Skye at times along with the Caithness hills. A few showers will pass by in the morning, showers becoming more frequent and heavier from the south as the afternoon wears on. Showers will continue into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor at times in cloud down to 500 to 800 metres, cloud most persistent across Skye and more generally as showers pass by in the afternoon and evening. Western Sutherland and Western Ross seeing the best of the cloud free tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	21/25 SE	25/30 SE	27/32 SE	28/34 SE	31/39 SE	33/42 SE	33/41 SE	30/38 S	28/36 S
900	19/23 SE	23/27 SE	24/29 SE	24/30 SE	28/35 SE	30/39 SE	30/39 SE	28/37 S	26/34 S
600	12/17 SE	15/20 SE	14/20 SE	16/22 SE	18/26 SE	20/30 SE	19/29 SE	18/27 S	17/26 S
300	2/11 SE	2/13 SE	2/14 SE	3/17 SE	5/23 SE	7/29 SE	7/28 SE	7/26 S	7/25 S
Glen	6/11 SE	7/14 SE	8/17 SE	9/19 SE	12/26 SE	13/28 SE	13/28 SE	11/25 S	10/23 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-4	3/-4	2/-4	3/-4	3/-4	4/-3	4/-3	3/-3	3/-4
900	3/-3	3/-2	3/-3	3/-3	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3
600	4/1	5/1	5/1	6/1	6/2	7/2	6/2	6/2	5/1
300	5/4	5/4	5/4	7/6	8/7	9/7	8/7	8/6	7/5
Glen	8/6	9/7	9/7	10/8	11/9	12/9	11/8	10/8	10/7
Freezing Level*	1400m	1600m	1600m	1700m	1800m	1700m	1800m	1600m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Summit gales will make for slow progress through the day and some drenching conditions as rain passes by.

Forecast for Thursday 30 Mar 2023

Weather: After a cloudy start it will be a much brighter day with some passing showers. Blustery summits winds.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly average speeds of 25 mph with gusts of 35 mph or so on the summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance in the afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Patches of cloud around 700 to 900 metres.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: 1400 metres

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